

Rosh Chodesh Sivan

All Sha'ar Zahav women are invited to usher in the new month of Sivan at a Shabbat dinner and study session on Friday, June 6 at 6:30 pm sharp in the library. We will spend time getting to know one another, eating a nice Shabbat meal and studying the Book of Ruth, which is traditionally read on Shavuot, during the month of Sivan. We will prepare ourselves for Shavuot and celebrate the voices of women in our tradition.

A vegetarian Shabbat dinner will be provided by "Home on the Range" restaurant. The cost of dinner is \$7.50 a person. Advanced payment (made payable to CSZ) is required and an RSVP to Renée in the office by May 31 is necessary to attend the dinner.

Shavuot Celebration

Don't miss the opportunity to celebrate Shavuot and study Jewish texts with other members and friends of Sha'ar Zahav. On Tuesday, June 10, in celebration of Shavuot, we will hold a dairy potluck dinner, service and study session. The potluck will begin at 6:30 pm and the service will begin at 7:30 pm, with the study session immediately following the service. We will study the Book of Ruth along with other texts relevant to the holiday of Shavuot. To RSVP for the potluck or for more information, call Renée in the office.



Susan Tubbasing at Sukkot in April. Photo by Michael Bettinger.

Be Out, Loud and Proud: June Is Pride Month

The 1997 Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Pride Parade and celebration takes place on Sunday, June 29 at 11 am and we have already begun planning for a fabulous CSZ contingent. Since the theme of this year's parade is "One Community, Many Faces," the Pride committee has decided to enlarge the CSZ contingent to be a community-wide Jewish delegation. We are inviting other synagogues and Jewish agencies to be part of our contingent with their own LGBT groups and/or as allies in the fight for LGBT equality.

Our Klezmer band, Gay iz Mir, will play on our float this year. Beth Sousa, CSZ member and professional artist, is heading up the design and decoration of the float. The Pride office has assured us that we will not be in the back of the parade this year (as we have been in the past). We need your spirit, enthusiasm and help to make San Francisco aware of the Jewish community's strength and centrality. Come out and show your pride!

Beth needs lots of help to make this year's float the best one yet. Any amount of time you can give would be most appreciated. If you want to help with planning/decoration or want to march in the parade, call Renée in the synagogue office. Also, special Jewish Pride celebration t-shirts will be available at the gift shop soon and at the CSZ booth on the day of the parade. Be sure to get yours before they are sold out.

SAVE THE DATE

Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, June 15 • 2 pm

Jews in the Mission?

by Michael Chertok

As we began to contemplate our move to a new neighborhood, whispers were heard about the area having a Jewish history. Could Mission Dolores, renowned as the first white settlement in San Francisco—of Catholic missionaries—have a Jewish history? Skepticism and curiosity initiated some digging into the Jewish past of the Mission District.

Padre Palou, a Catholic missionary, was clearly the first non-indigenous settler. He founded Mission Dolores, right across the street from the site of our new home, on October 9, 1776. Jews did not arrive in San Francisco until several years later—in the beginning of the 19th century—and then primarily settled in other areas of the city. Being Jews, they divided themselves into two separate synagogues, Temple Emanu-El and Sherith Israel. Likewise, these first San Franciscan Jews founded two separate organizations for the welfare of the Jewish community, the Hebrew Benevolent Society and the Eureka Benevolent Society. These groups were chartered to care for the Jewish poor—and to arrange for burial of the dead.

By the 1850s, an original small cemetery for Jews was no longer adequate for the city's rapidly growing Jewish population. In 1860, the Eureka Benevolent Association purchased a new burial place "for all the Israelites in California."

A parcel of undeveloped land was purchased for \$4,000 in what was then apparently a rather pastoral section of the city at 18th and Dolores Streets. The area was enclosed and became known as "Home of Peace Cemetery."

For twenty-eight years, this site in Mission Dolores served as the burial grounds for Jews in San Francisco. In 1888, however, the Board of Supervisors closed the cemetery. It was relocated to Colma, where it remains to this day. The Eureka Benevolent Association, which along with other groups, continued to arrange for Jewish burials, ultimately evolved into the contemporary Jewish Family and Children's Services.

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President's Column

by David Stein

Dear Diana,

Late spring at CSZ is transition time. And this year marks a presidential change as well as a change for some officers and Va'ad members. After two years of your being vice-president and my being president of our congregation, our transition will be quite a change for us both. The presidency at our congregation is now a six-year commitment: two as vp, two as president, and two as active past-president. Don't we do things in a big way at CSZ?

In many ways the transition and its aftermath are like rafting down the Tuolumne river, hitting a hole head-on and paddling furiously to stave off misjudgments resulting from this naturally disorienting experience. As we continue gliding down a calm section of the river, we recover our equilibrium and, before looking forward to new possibilities and challenges, we look back, trying to make out the rapids and that hole from a downstream perspective. We see only the shapes of the waves marking where the rush occurred. We have memories and what we learned and try to remember how it all happened and how it worked out.

Your third year begins in July as president. As the early months go by, the fall will rush you to the High Holidays. Then, you will appear to be in firm control of the activities and issues happening and confronting our congregation. Let me tell you, that even though you will always be able to meet the rapids head on, get through them safely and recall the exhilarating experience, you should know you aren't really in control. Rather, teams of volunteers paddle with you and often give you a push into a new and perhaps better direction, sometimes in sync with you and sometimes not. They enable the congregation to grow.

All through the year we thank people who volunteer for our synagogue. Many times, as you know, the thanks-yous are big and public and prolific.

In my President's Report for the an-



David Stein

nual meeting, I named many of these people. There is also a growing number of members who make themselves available to volunteer for short-term events or to fill sudden needs. As you know, we could take the roster and pick any random 60% of the membership and most of those would be people who are at work or have completed work for the congregation. And we must never forget the partners and children of our volunteers who silently and often stoically live through the meetings and programs their partners are involved in. All are volunteer gems and they are often not public people and may not plan on being officers or Va'ad members. They do, however, decorate *keter sha'ar zahav*, the CSZ crown.

Sometimes, Diana, you will be charged with being president of a synagogue that is controlled by a clique, but some people are a bit mistaken. Our leadership is certainly not a small clique; it numbers about 150 now. There's the Va'ad, the officers, the past presidents, the committee chairs—that's about 40 people right there. Then there will be a group of advisors for you, many of

whom won't even know they are members of your corps of advisors. Besides you, the Va'ad, the PAG and all the past presidents, some of mine were not publicly known but are people to whom I owe so much: Deborah Udin, Lyssa Friedman, Lisa Katz, Dev Felder Noily, Sandy O'Neill, Robin Leonard, Nathan Robinson, Michael Chertok, Alice Prussin, Jerry Rosenstein, Al Baum, Irene Ogus, Allan Gold, Ellie Cohen, David Gellman, Lea Salem, Sara Haber, Paul Cohen, Sharyn Saslafsky, Alex Ingwersen, Gail Friedlander, Mark Klaiman.

We have changed a lot during the past two years, Diana...you, me and especially the synagogue. We have worked out numerous new policies and ideological positions; then there is always the building project and the search for a new rabbi. Our Va'ad meetings became a forum for the discussion of hard issues, sometimes taking an inordinate amount of time. Some of our committees have changed focus and perhaps naming them might help spread the word: our Dues Committee has evolved into a group of respected Dues Counselors.

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We're selling Mishkan Dolores raffle tickets on Castro Street on Sunday, June 8, Saturday, June 14 and Saturday, June 21 from 11 am to 4 pm and at the Pride celebration on June 28 and 29. Volunteer for all or part of a day. It will be a fun way to help raise funds. To volunteer, call Jeff Forman (648-0381). In addition, sell raffle tickets to your friends and family. Books of tickets are available through the office and at the gift shop.

Save the Dates: High Holidays

Since it's only June, with most of summer still ahead, it may seem a little early to be thinking of the High Holidays. This is especially the case since Erev Rosh Hashanah is not until October 1 this year, with Kol Nidre falling on Erev Shabbat, October 10. But planning for all of the services is well underway, and you will find an insert in this month's *Gaily Forward* asking you about the ways in which you would like to participate. Don't put it off; fill it out now, since there is so much to be done, and by all means, save the dates!

Danvers Video Tour June 22

Be a part of synagogue history on Sunday, June 22.

When we leave our building on Danvers for our new home on Dolores, we will be leaving a well-loved home filled with many memories. The Sha'ar Zahav Oral History Project wants your story, so we are doing a video tour of 220 Danvers.

We want to take the video camera around and through every corner of the synagogue to record the building and your memories of it along the way.

Do you have a special memory about our building? An amusing anecdote? This is a chance to recall and honor the life of our community with such stories.

Please call the office or Nathan Robinson (703-0747) to reserve a spot on the tour and to volunteer. We need technical and coordinating support as well as noshes for the participants. Let us know what times you are available and where in the building you would prefer to tell your story (be creative). We'll do our best to accommodate as many members as possible. See you there.

Sukkot in April a Success

We made the eleven o'clock news and the front page (in color) of the *Bay Area Reporter*. Besides becoming famous, 50 Sha'ar Zahav members and friends did an incredible job painting the Asian/Pacific Islander's Wellness Center on the first annual Sukkot in April day. We began the day at 8 am with Jewish readings and songs to motivate us for the day of work. By 9 am, volunteers rolled up their sleeves, picked up rollers and brushes, climbed on the scaffolding and began to paint. By the end of the day, everyone was tired but felt good about doing this mitzvah for the AIDS community.

Thanks to all of you who came out and participated. Special thanks go to Kenny Altman for his untiring efforts as volunteer coordinator for the project, to Laura Lowe for helping with volunteer recruitment, and to Steve Lowinger for his contracting skills, which assured a professional level of work. Sha'ar Zahav also thanks Shenson's Delicatessen and Restaurant for providing a delicious Passover lunch for our volunteers.

If you did not have a chance to support Sukkot in April, extra Sukkot in April t-shirts are on sale in the synagogue office for \$10. Your money will go directly to the CSZ Social Action Fund.

HIV + Support Group

CSZ has ongoing support services for members living with HIV/AIDS and their families and partners on the third Saturday of every month, in addition to quarterly Shabbat dinners at the homes of members. Mark your calendars:

Saturday, June 21 at 3 pm: Support Group at CSZ, facilitated by Rob Tat.

If you have any questions or would like to put your name on our confidential mailing list, please call Amy Clark at the office (861-6932).

Join us.

Save the Date

Please save Saturday night, July 19, for the Mishkan Dolores Campaign Thank You Party and the raffle drawing. Place, details, etc. to be announced.



CSZ Sukkot in April coordinators Kenny Altman (left), Renée Bauer and Steve Lowinger at the Asian/Pacific Islander Wellness Center. Photo by Michael Bettinger.

Contributions

AIDS Fund

Susan Simpson, in memory of David Magennis.

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Ellie Cohen and Greta Miskatel, in memory of Ann Kohout.

Henri Neilson

Ida Kuluk, with welcome to Emma Pines-Schwartz, Samuel Dick-Gelmis and Shoshana Eisenman-Moed.

Jeff Bernhardt, in honor of the wedding of Lane Schickler and Steven Levine.

Jim Frazin, in memory of Morris Shapiro.

Joe Hamble, in celebration of the 100th birthday of Helen Hamble.

Marjorie Hilsenrad, in memory of her parents.

Phyllis and George Mintzer, in memory of Harriet Opal and Rose Mintzer.

Robert K. Tat, in honor of Steve Weiner's joining Sha'ar Zahav.

Ron Lezell, in memory of Esther Blanc.

Susan Stone

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Batya Kalis, in memory of Rose Jacobstein.

Batya Kalis, in memory of Carol Finneran.

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Nina Jo Smith, in memory of Roy Smith.

Gerald Hyman, in memory of Louis Moura, Jr.

Murray Aronson

Henrietta Weiss, in memory of Paul, Rose and Jack Weiss.

Irma Volpe, in memory of Leon Levy.

Don Benedict, in memory of Herta Benedict.

Susan Unger, in memory of Grace F. Unger.

Patricia Lin, in honor of the Jewish Lesbian and Gay Community of London.

Craig Persiko, in honor of the Sha'ar Zahav community.

Ian Sweedler, in memory of Syd Sweedler.

John Atteridge, in honor of the wedding of Lane Schickler and Steven Levine.

Geoff Benjamin, in memory of Darius Tschida.

Robert Cohen, in memory of Joseph Cohen.

Carrie Costello and Pekka Hall, in memory of Philip Piazza.

Randy Heilbrunn, in memory of Belle Snyderman.

Jeffrey Lilly, in memory of Tede Matthews.

Marc Lipschutz, in memory of A. Martin Lipschutz.

Harold Parker, in memory of Ida Parker Shimkovitz.

Michael Shaps, in memory of Burton, Jon and Anna Shaps.

Steve Weiner, in memory of Marshall Tillin.

Talia and Ezra Barth-Rogers Bat/Bar Mitzvah

On June 14, Talia and Ezra Barth-Rogers will be called to the Torah on the occasion of their joint Bat/Bar Mitzvah. Both Talia and Ezra are 8th graders at Marin Horizon School.

Talia's favorite subjects are history and science. In addition, she has an intensive schedule of after-school gymnastics, training four hours a day, four days a week. She has enjoyed studying and working with their tutor, Ron Lezell. Becoming Bat Mitzvah means being recognized as being older and taking part in our Jewish heritage, says Talia.

Ezra enjoys math and Spanish at school, and he also enjoys after-school sports, especially soccer, basketball and capoeira, a form of martial arts from Brazil. He sees his Bar Mitzvah as a big step in life and part of growing up, but it is also meaningful to him because it signifies that he is officially a member of the congregation and will be fulfilling his obligation as a Jew.

Ezra and Talia have worked on many projects together and are sharing the Bar/Bat Mitzvah responsibilities as well. They both feel that this has made their experience less stressful than it might otherwise have been.

Mazel tov to Talia and Ezra and their family from the entire congregation.



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May Va'ad Minutes

by Mike Bowers, Recorder

The Va'ad met May 12, Yom Ha'atzma'ut. Rabbi Bergadine gave the *d'var torah* and likened the anticipation of our new rabbi to the counting of the *Omer*.

Financial statements reflect an expected surplus and the Mishkan Dolores Building Fund had reached 79% of its goal at the time of the meeting. A Friday night greeting schedule was circulated.

Lea Salem presented the Administrator's report regarding a needed tree removal, and thanks were expressed to Deborah Udin for handling the issue of city-mandated repairs. Amy Clark will be acting office manager during Lea Salem's vacation, and she will be assisted by Annalisa Chasan.

Money was approved to create and maintain a CSZ web site in fiscal 1997-98 with the proviso that software licensing restrictions will be respected.

Tiela Chalmers reported on permits and loans for the purchase of the new building and a discussion followed regarding assuring ethnic and gender diversity in the contractual work.

Naches

To Johanna Ceapach Choinn, on becoming the district tasting trainer at Peet's Coffee.

To Amy Clark, on surviving six months without a cigarette.

To Steven Levine, on his new job as Corporate Counsel for Kinko's in Southern California.

To Tamar Malino, on her acceptance to HUC-JIR.

To Kathy Simon, on a superb defense of her dissertation, and on receiving her Ph.D.

To Hilary Zaid, on receiving her Ph.D. in English from UC Berkeley.

Emma Buchbinder

Bat Mitzvah

Emma Buchbinder will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Shabbat morning, June 28. Emma is finishing 6th grade at Laurel School in San Francisco, where her favorite subjects are math and art. Outside of school, she enjoys playing soccer and basketball. Emma sees her Bat Mitzvah as a step towards growing up and "in this congregation, it means becoming more mature as an adult." The day will be even more meaningful, since Emma's grandparents will be travelling here from Washington and celebrating their 45th anniversary on that day. Emma says that her tutor, Ruthy Talansky, has been a fun person with whom to study and learn Torah. *Mazel tov* from the congregation to Emma, her mothers, Diana Buchbinder and Joyce Garay, and her brother Aaron.

18/10 Video at Lesbian and Gay Film Festival

The video produced for CSZ's 18/10 Celebration has been selected for presentation in the San Francisco International Lesbian & Gay Film Festival as part of the Festival's "Homo Chutzpah" program, co-presented by Sha'ar Zahav, on Saturday June 28, at 2:30 pm at the Victoria Theater.

This uniquely moving, 14 minute video portrait of CSZ was created especially for the 18/10 Celebration party two years ago. It was produced entirely from interviews done with CSZ members, which were shaped into a finished program by Michal Goralsky, Robert Tat, Michael Chertok and Lawrence Helman.

Advance tickets are available starting May 30 at 2193 Market Street between 15th and Sanchez, or by calling 436-0086.

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President

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lors for new and continuing members with questions and conflicts. Our Membership Committee is actively involved in Member Relations, welcoming new members and seeking to involve them and our seasoned members in the work of our congregation; children's educational concerns, which used to be the purview of many ad-hoc committees, is now primarily the focus of the Children's Education Board, a change with which you, Diana, along with Ron Lezell, were intimately involved. Our find-your-own-way to Judaism methods have now been organized into our Jews by Choice Outreach, with programs and discussion groups, in addition to a step-by-step program for conversion. More and more people are interested in joining the program, thanks in no small measure to Paul Cohen. Read-your-own-Torah has evolved into regular adult Torah Study Classes. Twenty years of various women's activities are now focused in part on our new Rosh Chodesh Group; Social Action is involved in long-term activities and short-term rapid response to issues involving research, resolutions, action, petitions, marching and building coalitions with other like-minded religious and civic groups. ARZA has become the focus of our support for Israel. Our Israel Chavurah and interest group should really be called CSZ/ARZA.

When I took the Torah from Tiela at our installation two years ago, I could not imagine matching her energy and activities. So I want you to know that there are still a few things for you to do. For one thing, you get to move the synagogue into a new building, no small task. And you get to lead the tearful, excited procession when we march our Torah into our new *mishkan*, affix the *mezzuzot* to the doors and consecrate our new home. You will also be the primary guide for our new rabbi: your perception, many years of membership, kindness and stability will serve you and her in good stead. You also get to tackle the issues of growth in membership, maturing members, and how to implement a program of asking new members to make a significant building pledge as each of us has done already for Mishkan Dolores.

On the education front, Kadimah will probably grow two-fold during your

tenure and you will no doubt hear my voice in the chorus calling for weekly adult Shabbat Talmud-Torah classes and for after *kabbalat shabbat* discussions on the order of "I have a question for the Rabbi: *yesh-li she'elah*."

Both of us share deeply the convictions expressed in the foundation stones of the Synagogue 2000 program which projects the role of the synagogue into the next century as a place for spiritual, educational and social service/*tikkun olam*. As we enter the new century, these are not just ideals and goals: they are imperatives. Our congregation must be the enabling midwife for its members, helping them explore, grow and enrich their lives Jewishly. As you take steps to continue our unique CSZ realization of this program, may you be blessed with wise advisors and willing volunteers by the scores. Your officers are willing and able ones, your Va'ad serious, devoted and dedicated. I will be there to volunteer and to advise as needed, as the past presidents of our congregation have done for 20 years.

With love,
David

Oneg Sponsorship

These generous people sponsored an Oneg Shabbat in recent months:

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New Member

The Membership Committee is pleased to announce that our congregation gained the following new member this month. A warm welcome to the most recent person to join our family:

Michelle Binder

We are grateful to see our congregation grow. It is up to all of us to help our new members feel welcome as they become active participants in our community.



Lea Salem and Lisa Ochs at Sukkot in April. Photo by Michael Bettinger.

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Mission

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The record also shows that there was a small community of Orthodox Jews living in the Mission. Apparently connected to the presence of the cemetery, the congregation built a synagogue called B'nai David, located on 19th Street, between Guerrero and Valencia, and a small neighborhood of Jewish shops emerged on this 19th Street corridor.

In fact, the B'nai David building was briefly considered as a first home for Sha'ar Zahav in 1979. As our congregation moved among temporary locations in our first years, we found sanctuary in another place in the Mission as well: Dovre Hall, which later became the Women's Building, housed Sha'ar Zahav services. This is where the community gathered when Harvey Milk was assassinated. Our new home in the Mission Dolores neighborhood connects us both to the legacy of San Francisco's rich Jewish past—and to our own history as a congregation.

Do you have e-mail?

If so we want your address! Drop us a line at shaarzahav@igc.apc.org

*Get involved!
Volunteer for a committee*



John Attridge at Sukkot in April. Photo by Michael Bettinger.

Condolences

We extend our condolences to members who have suffered recent losses:

Michael Bettinger, on the death of his mother-in-law, Sylvia Goldstein.

Paul Blanc, on the death of his mother, Esther Blanc.

Simon Glinsky, on the death of his father, Salomon Glinsky.

Jo Hirschmann, on the death of her uncle, David Hirschmann.

Batya Kalis, on the death of her friend, Carol Finneran.

Chaya Rivka Mayerson, on the death of her aunt, Mary Mayerson.

George Mintzer, on the death of his sister, Ann Schmier.

Chuck Norton, on the death of his mother, Laura Norton.

Dafna Wu, on the death of her grandmother, Flora Gursky Stolzberg.



Anniversaries

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| 1 | Rich Krieg & David Medlin |
| 2 | Lillian Schaechner & Elaine Weissman |
| 2 | Beth Ross & Laura Trupin |
| 6 | Dev & Sara Felder Noily |
| 9 | Joe Hample & Reineres Susilla |
| 10 | Frank Yellin & Mark Showalter |
| 10 | Steven Diller & Ira Johnson |
| 10 | Nina Jo Smith & Ruth Mahaney |
| 13 | Yoel Kahn & Dan Bellm |
| 13 | Alison Austin & Dee Hibbert-Jones |
| 18 | Rachel Wahba & Judy Dlugacz |
| 18 | Daniel Alpert & Eric Weiss |
| 19 | Dana Vinicoff & Sarah Peterson |
| 21 | Shelley M. Samuels & Robin Dubner |
| 21 | Paul Nemrow & Jeff Forman |
| 21 | Debbi Jacobs-Levine & Joel Levine |
| 21 | Ellen Lewin & Liz Goodman |
| 21 | Lolma Olson & Beth Reed |
| 24 | Lyssa Friedman & Daphne Stuart |
| 25 | Sue Bojdak & Debra Yates |
| 29 | Steve Lowinger & Dave Dean |
| 29 | Tova Green & Fran Peavey |



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| 2 | Mark Feldman |
| 8 | Robert Nehemiah Mackey |
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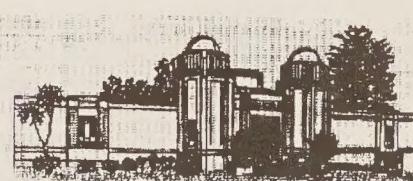


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ARZA contact, Ron Lezell

Bequests and Donations, Richard Inlander

Bikkur Cholim, David Shaber

Bisexual Chavurah, Jim Frazin

Book Circle, Mark Mackler

Brotherhood, Stephan Howard

Building, Mark Klaiman

Bylaws, Edward Pollock

Cemetery, Richard Inlander

Children's Education Board, Ron Lezell

Cookbook Project, Robin Leonard

Dues, Susan Gelmis

East Bay Services, Hilary Zaid

Endowment Fund, Richard Inlander

Environmental Action, Barak Gale and Brian Besser

Members wishing to contact any Va'ad member or committee chair are invited to obtain his or her number from the synagogue office.

Office Hours: Monday–Friday from 9 am to 3 pm (861-6932).

Bikkur Cholim: If you or a friend who is a member of Sha'ar Zahav is ill in the hospital or at home, and would like to have a member of the Bikkur Cholim Committee call or visit, please notify the synagogue office.

Member of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and of the World Congress of Gay and Lesbian Jewish Organizations.

Services are held every Friday evening beginning at 8:15 pm (except as noted), with an Oneg Shabbat following services.

Va'ad (Board) Members:

Michael Chertok

Ellie Cohen

Jeff Forman

Lyssa Friedman

David Gellman

Sara Haber

Lisa Katz

Eileen Levy

Ed Lopatin

Finance, Leah Wolf

Fine Arts, Alice Prussin

Gift Shop, Jeff Rubin

Infant-Toddler Chavurah, open

Leadership Development, Irene Ogas and Paul Cohen

Library, Claire Rappoport

Long-Range Planning, Allan Gold

Membership, Ami Zusman

Mishkan Dolores Campaign, Ellie Cohen

Newsletter, by committee

Oneg, Allan Giannini

Past Presidents Council, Merry Luskin

Personnel, Diana Buchbinder

Pre-school Chavurah, Nancy Meyer

Public Relations, Sharyn Saslafsky

Rabbi Search, Robin Leonard and Allan Gold

Ritual, Ora Prochovnick

Social Action, Eloise Magenheim

UAHC National Liaison, Mike Rankin

UAHC Regional Liaison, Robin Leonard

Volunteer Coordinator, open

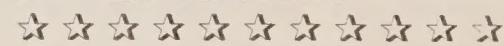
WCGLJO Liaison, Neil Grungras

Women's Chavurah, open



Birthdays

1	Cheryl Mann
1	Donald Abrams
2	Nina Wouk
2	Lisa Feldstein
3	Shoshana Jacobs-Levine
3	Douglas Carlson
3	Stephanie Wolper
4	Ora Prochovnick
4	Hanya Barth
5	Katyre Gulley
6	Marsha Blachman
6	Christine Olague
8	Nina Jacobs-Levine
8	Daniel Sadlier
8	Marianne Balin
8	Brian Besser
9	Laura Lowe
9	Barbara Becker
9	Glenn Shor
10	Claudia Bernard
10	Daniel Chesir
10	Rose Katz
11	Timothy Rubin
11	Annie Winters
12	Susan Simpson
15	Zachary Shelton
15	Steven Wiesner
16	Nancy Levin
16	Shayna Frantz Prochovnick
17	Adam Bellm Kahn
17	Pieter de Haan
18	Jason Gaber
18	Margaret Livingston
18	Susan Lubeck
19	Isaac Chotiner-Whitebook
20	Larry Wexler
20	Susan Mizner
21	Eileen Levy
21	Leyna Bernstein
21	Richard Sinkoff
22	Sarita Groisser
22	Margaret Rossoff
23	Deborah Agre
24	Howard Goldberg
25	Dyan Dreisbach
25	Steve Weiner
26	Marc Lipschutz
26	Lynne Portnoy
26	Esta Soler
27	Renée Bauer
28	Lisa Katz
29	Eve Meyer
29	Emily Seidel
29	Emma Buchbinder



JUNE

וילט-סיטי

1 Sunday 25 Iyar	8 Sunday 3 Sivan	15 Sunday 10 Sivan	23 Monday 18 Sivan
• 4:30 pm, Klezmer band rehearsal	• 7 pm, Social Action, Jewish Voice for Peace	• 2 pm, Congregational meeting	• 7 pm, Intro to Yiddish Language and Culture
2 Monday 26 Iyar	9 Monday 4 Sivan	16 Monday 11 Sivan	24 Tuesday 19 Sivan
• 6 pm, Healing service • 6:30 pm, CEB, PAG	• 6:30 pm, Va'ad meeting	• 6 pm, Healing service • 7 pm, Newsletter layout	• 7 pm, Intro to Yiddish Language and Culture
3 Tuesday 27 Iyar	10 Tuesday 5 Sivan	17 Tuesday 12 Sivan	25 Wednesday 20 Sivan
• 6:30 pm, Dues Committee • 7 pm, Intro to Yiddish Language and Culture	Erev Shavuot • 6:30 pm, Dairy potluck • 7:30 pm, Shavuot service, tikkun	• 7 pm, Intro to Yiddish Language and Culture	• 6:30 pm, Ritual Committee • 7 pm, Newsletter distribution
4 Wednesday 28 Iyar	11 Wednesday 6 Sivan	18 Wednesday 13 Sivan	26 Thursday 21 Sivan
• 7 pm, Advanced Hebrew	Shavuot Office closed • 7 pm, Newsletter editing	19 Thursday 14 Sivan	• 8:15 pm, Shabbat service: Shelach, led by Jonathan Comisar, Lyssa Friedman, Installation Shabbat
5 Thursday 29 Iyar	12 Thursday 7 Sivan	20 Friday 15 Sivan	27 Friday 22 Sivan
• 6:30 pm, Rabbi Litman meeeting with La'atid • 8 pm, Rabbi Litman meeting with older men	• 7 pm, Klezmer band rehearsals	• 8:15 pm, East Bay service • 8:15 pm, Shabbat service: Beha'alotecha, led by Mike Rankin and Patricia Lin	Shabbat Freedom • 8:15 pm, Shabbat service: Bat Mitzvah of Emma Buchbinder, led by Tiela Chalmers
6 Friday 1 Sivan	13 Friday 8 Sivan	21 Saturday 16 Sivan	• 2:30 pm, 18/10 video showing at Lesbian/Gay Film Festival, Victoria Theater
• 6:30 pm, Rosh Chodesh Sivan potluck • 7 pm, Early Kabbalat Shabbat led by Tiela Chalmers • 8:15 pm, Shabbat service: Bemidbar, led by Barak Gale	• 7:15 pm, Niggun service • 8:15 pm, Shabbat service: Naso, led by Jonathan Pannor and Dev Felder Noily	• 3 pm, HIV+ Support Group	28 Saturday 23 Sivan
7 Saturday 2 Sivan	14 Saturday 9 Sivan	22 Sunday 17 Sivan	29 Sunday 24 Sivan
• 9:30 am, Kadimah, all classes including Nitzanim, closing picnic, teacher tutor recognition • 3 pm, Adult B'nai Mitzvah Discussion Group	• 10 am, Shabbat service, Bar/Bat Mitzvah of Ezra and Talia Barth-Rogers, service led by Martha Rosett and Brian Besser • 12 noon, Potluck • 1 pm, Torah study	• Oral History Project shoots Danvers Street building throughout day	• Pride Parade
			30 Monday 25 Sivan
			Note: Gray areas indicate religious services.

JULY/AUGUST FORWARD DEADLINES

FOR ADVERTISING MONDAY, JUNE 2

To place a display ad, call Roslyn Fuerman (510/526-1209 or froslyn@aol.com). To place a classified ad, call the office.

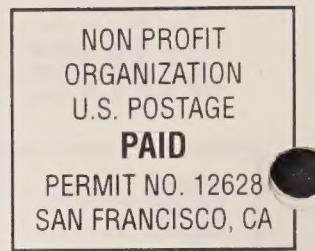
FOR ARTICLES MONDAY, JUNE 9

Please submit articles both on 3½ inch disk and hard copy on paper double spaced. Write "Attn. Gaily Forward" on top and mail to CSZ. No deadline extensions without advance permission.

East Bay Services

6/20 Susan Lubeck, 510 62nd St., Oakland, 510/654-1072

CONGREGATION SHA'AR ZAHAV
220 DANVERS at CASELLI
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA 94114
ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED
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High Holiday Services Participation/Volunteer Form

We at CSZ try to provide an opportunity for each member to participate in High Holiday services. There will be Hebrew chants, readings in English, and shofar-blown opportunities for the various services. Only members who return this form to the synagogue office by **Friday, June 20** can be assured an opportunity to participate.

Return this form to:

Congregation Sha'ar Zahav
220 Danvers Street
San Francisco, CA 94114

Deadline

This form must be returned no later than Friday, June 20.

Names _____

Phone number(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

It is only with the time and energy of a great many of our members that CSZ is able to organize High Holiday services. If you can help—even for an hour or two—you begin the year with a mitzvah and you enhance everyone else's religious experience. Please let us know how you would like to participate and we will accommodate your schedule.

- I will be an usher
- I will help with child care
- I will help with oneg/break fast
- I would like an English reading
- I would like to learn a Hebrew chant
- I can read Hebrew well
- I can chant from the Torah
- I would like to blow the shofar
- I would like to learn to blow the shofar
- I would like to be an additional seating area monitor

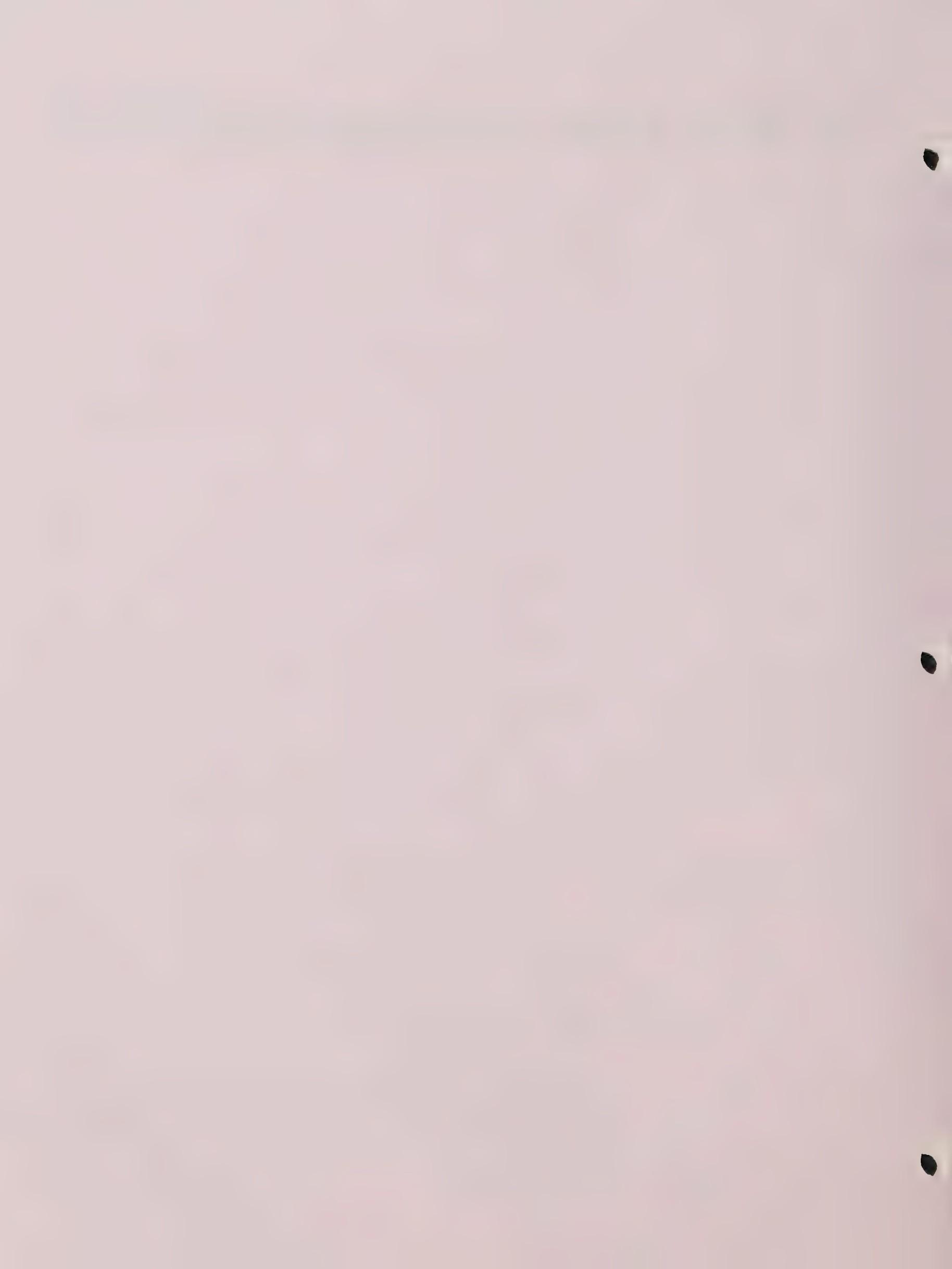
I will be at the following services:

- All services
- Rosh Hashanah**
- Wednesday evening (Ma'ariv), Oct. 1
 - Thursday morning (Shacharit and Musaf), Oct. 2
 - Thursday morning (Children's Services), Oct. 2
- Yom Kippur**
- Friday evening (Kol Nidre), Oct. 10
 - Saturday morning (Shacharit and Musaf), Oct. 11
 - Saturday morning (Children's Services), Oct. 11
 - Saturday late afternoon (Yizkor and Neilah), Oct. 11

I would prefer reading during the following service:

We will try to accommodate preferences as much as possible. Parts will be mailed out during the summer.

There will be a practice session for anyone who wants to practice a part. You are required to attend this session if you are chanting a prayer or a portion from the Torah, unless you make other arrangements with the service leaders. We will notify you of the time of the practice session when we send you the information on your part.



MISHKAN DOLORES

Congregation Sha'ar Zahav

The Capital Campaign

\mish-kan\ n. 1 dwelling place, home 2 tabernacle, sanctuary 3 temple

\$1,065,351 = 82% of our \$1,300,000 goal as of 5/20/97! Thanks to everyone!

CSZ MEMBERS- Pledges/Donations

Anonymous (4)	Jim Frazin	Jeffrey Lilly
Roberta Achtenberg/Mary Morgan	Bryan Freedman/Ron Gregoire	Patricia Lin
Shelley Adler/Nancy Showen	Gail Friedlander	Marc Lipschutz
Kenny Altman	Jeff Friedman	Gerry Llamado/Arthur Slepian
Jessie Ap'neva/Nina Wouk	Lyssa Friedman/Daphne Stuart	Ed Lopatin
John Atteridge	Lezlie Frishman/Ellen Goldstein	Laura Lowe
Peter Barnes/Leyna Bernstein	Roslyn Fuerman	Sanford Lowe
Alvin H. Baum Jr.	Jonathan Funk/Jon Arnold	Mark Mackler
Ann Bauman/Kelly Thieman	Jason Gaber	Judy Macks
Dan Bellm/Rabbi Yoel Kahn	Barak Gale/Joe Puchot	Eloise Magenheim
Geoff Benjamin/Craig Perfiko	Jerome Geffner	Rachel Mailman
Allan Berenstein	Debra Gelber	Jasmine Marah
Judith Berkowitz/Sheryl Connell	David Gellman	Paul Margolis
Ilana Bernstein/Diane Desmond	Susan Gelmis	Nancy Meyer/Marilyn O'Keefe
Rachel Bernstein	Allan Giannini	Ron/Ruth Miguel
Brian Besser	Simon Glinsky	Pamela Miller
Michael Bettinger	Allan Gold	Jose Luis Moscovich/Robert Schwartz
Nicole Bloom	Jonathan Goldman	Florence/Steven Nacamulli
Suzanne Bojdak/Debra Yates	Ruth Goldstein/Julie Stahl	Chuck Norton
Mark Bowers	William Goldstein	Irene Ogus
Leonard Brill	Liz Goodman/Ellen Lewin	Doug Okun
Bon Brown/Johanna Ceapach Chioinn	Sarah Goodman	Mark Oliver/Steve Polsky
Cheryl Bryan	Judith Green	Gordon Osser
Diana Buchbinder	Sarita Groisser	Perry Paker
Patricia Byers/Eileen Dunn	Neil Grungras	Harold Parker
Carol Cabell	Kirsten Gustavson/Amy Scharf	Drew Parker/Mike Siani
Henry Carrey	Sara Haber	Bernard Pechter
Tiela Chalmers	Joe Hample	Carolyn Pines/Judy Schwartz
Phil Charney/Roland Stern	Neil Hart	Harold Podgur
Michael Chertok	Stephen/Trudi Hauptman	Cheryl Price
Daniel Chesar	Randy Heilbrunn	Tsipora Prochovnick
Bernard Choden/Lois Scott	Frederick Hertz	Alice Prussin
Arthur Cohen	Ira Hirschfield	Mike Rankin
Ellie Cohen/Greta Miskatel	Dvora Honigstein	Claire Rappoport
Judith Cohen	Steve Horowitz	Jacob Robinson
Marc Cohen	Stephan Howard	Nathan Robinson
Paul Cohen/Bob Guterman	Michael Hulton	Jerry Rosenstein
Robert Cohen	Alex Ingersoll/David Stein	David Rosenzweig
Carrie Yang Costello/Alex Pekka Hall	Richard Inlander/Ben Schalit	Martha Rosett
Jay Davidson	Susan Jacobson/Byron Sigal	Beth Ross/Laura Trupin
Pieter de Haan/Ruth Rainero	Batya Kalis	Margaret Rossoff
Bill Denebeim/Mark Vogel	Elizabeth Kassoff	Jacob Rothman
Steve Diller	Lisa Katz	Jeffrey Rubin
Julie Dorf	Robert Katz	Nancy Sadlier
Nancy Drooker/Alix Sabin	Rose Katz	Marin Sanders-Holzman
Lynn Eden/Ruth Schoenbach	Elliot Klein/Steve Weitz	Sharyn Saslawsky
James Edlin/Eve Meyer	Sherie Kosover	Elizabeth/Michael Schaffer
Leslie Einhorn	Ida Kuluk	Edward Schultz
Mary Jane Eisenberg	Elizabeth Landsberg	Andrew Schwartz
Shelley Eisenman/Julie Moed	Julie LaPore/Seth Moskowitz	Michael Schwartz
Ellen Elias	Joan Lefkowitz/Stacey Shuster	Susan Schwartz
Steven Ellman/Tom Holt	Walter Leiss	Alison Scott/Alisa Weiner
Nancy Epstein	Robin Leonard	Michael Shaps
Karen Erlichman	Julian Levant	Barry Siegel
Nancy Feinstein/Glenn Shor	Steven Levine/Lane Schickler	Nina Jo Smith
Devra/Sara Felder Noily	Eileen Levy	Michelle Sullivan
Jeff Forman/Paul Nemrow	Ron Lezell	David Supornick/Sam Zaidins
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Rebecca Tessler
Sam Thal
Marion Trentman
Susan Tubbesing
Deborah Udin
Barney Ugarte
Susan Unger
Rachel Wahba
Steve Weiner
Eli Weinstein
Lonnie Weiss
Randy Weiss
Larry Wexler
Ron Wilmot z"l
Rick Wilson
Ron Wolberg
Leah Wolf
Judith Wolfe
Frank Yellin
Mike Zimmerman
Ami Zusman

COMMUNITY- Pledges/Donations

Anonymous (6)
Tamara Abrams
Eric Adler
Susan Amdur
Maureen Anderson/Susan Colson
William Apple
Murray Aronson
Roy Bateman
Bob/Rosyland Bauer
Charles Belov
Wayne Bender
Don Benedict
Marjorie Bennett
Natalie Berg
Leslie Bergson
Aline/Warren Berl
Allen Brandstein
Patricia Biggelstone
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James Carlson
Lu Chaikin
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Barbara/Harry Chertok
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Jeri Lynn Cohen
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Peter Cullinan
Leonie Darwin
Stephen Delroy
Paul Dickel
Eleanor Dusedau
Earthquake Engineering Research Inst
Jerry/Ruth Eisenman
Mimi Epstein
Farella Braun Martell
Susan Fraimow-Wong
Shelley Freeman/Joni Rim
Karen Friedman
Dore/James Gabby
Anne/Martin Gelfand
Eloise/M.W. Gilland
Annette Goldberg
Cynthia Goldstein/Gloria Schaffer
Nina Gordon
Michael Gray
Lisa Hamburger
Robert Henderson
Jason Honig
Gerald Hyman
Carolyn Issacs/Randy Mayers
Janet Jacobs
Joyce Jacobson
The Jaffe/Schlossberg Fund
Corrine/Stanley James
Ingrid/Frank Jonas
Andy/Janet Katten
Jean/Norman Katz
Bruce Katz
Sadie Katz
Marla Kaye
Ayse Kenmore
Rabbi Peter Kessler
Derrick Kikuchi/Craig Weisner
Allyce Kimerling/Frances Rotolo
Michael Kossman
Brian/Dorothy Landsberg
Daniel Langholtz
Richard O. Leach
Mark Leno

Aaron/Marilyn Levine
Allan Lipman
Joan/Nathan Lipson
Al/Leonore Loeb
Ruth Loeb
Louise Nathe
Pearl/Sara Nathe
Carol/Michael Ochs
Virginia Olesen
Mr./Mrs. Jerry Opper
Janis Portal
Shum Preston
Anath Ranon
Debra Reabock
Jody Reiss
Roz Reiter
Marriam Cramer Ring
Ernest/Laura Rosenthal
Arthur Rosett
Lester Rubenfeld
Lee Ryan
Jim/Lori Sagarin
Tracy Salkowitz
Michael Salstein
Pam Schaffer
Ben Schatz
Josh Schechtel
Norman Schlossberg
Jonathan Schwartz
Sigi Scigliano
Rita Semel
Rabbi Judy Shanks
Kim Shapiro
Sandy Shapiro
Doron Sharfman
Michael Sieradzki
Sharon/Leonard Silverman
Jerry Silverman
Roy Simon
Howard Steiermann
Robert Stern
Steven Sternfeld
Louisa Stone
Laurie Talcott
Irmgard Volpe
Robert/Susan Weisberg
Allen/Susan Weiss
Henrietta Weiss
Corrine Sue Wick
Bernice Wiseman
Gerald Wood

Want to volunteer? Any questions or concerns? Name misspelled? Please call CSZ at 415-861-6932.

REMINDER

Please send in your pledge form, if you have not already, to:

Congregation Sha'ar Zahav, 220 Danvers, San Francisco, CA 94114.

Call the office at 415-861-6932 if you need a pledge form.

Every dollar counts! Thanks again for helping us reach our \$1.3 million goal!

BUILDING PROJECT CLEARS MORE HURDLES!!

Exciting Developments: Our efforts to complete the purchase of 290 Dolores as our new home made several enormous strides this month.

- First, the appraisal required by the bank for our loan came out fine and the loan is ready to go!
- Second, the Jewish Community Federation voted to extend us a low-interest loan! As you probably remember, the loans are needed to pay for renovation and related costs this year. They will be repaid as MISHKAN DOLORES pledges are paid off over the next 5 years.
- And finally, the San Francisco Planning Commission voted to approve our application for a Conditional Use Permit, allowing us to use the building as a synagogue! The Zoning Administrator also approved our variance requests, allowing us to build our pitched roof and the “bay window” that will house our ark.

Scheduling: Obtaining the Conditional Use Permit was the last contingency in our contract to purchase the building. Now that it has been approved, we could close as early as mid-June. The seller has a relatively short time after closing in which to roll the money he gets from us into another property (to avoid a very large tax consequence). This means he may extend closing for up to several months, if he wishes, making our actual close date uncertain at this time. As you know, we will be leasing back the Danvers Street building for 4 months from its new owners, after which we will probably need to rent and borrow space until construction is completed. Our general sense is that we will move into the new building in early 1998.

Fundraising: Fundraising efforts continue unabated. As you can see from the “mishkanmeter” in the oneg room and the enclosed listing, we are nearing our goal but still need to bring in that last \$235,000 in pledges! Besides making your pledge, returning the pledge form to the office and starting to make payments (if you haven’t already), you can also help by selling those fabulous raffle tickets you received in the mail. Raffle tickets are a great way to encourage participation by friends, family and co-workers who might not feel connected enough to make a contribution to the campaign but certainly would like that creampuff Mercedes! We will be selling the tickets in the Castro, and at the Pride Parade and related events. If you would like to help, please call the office. (This is a great way to meet a lot of people, many of them scantily clad. Enough said.)

Upcoming events: On Saturday, July 19 at 10 p.m. at the Castro Theater is the premiere screening of *Trailers, Schmailers*, a collection of trailers that offers a review of the history of Jews in mainstream American cinema. Created by Jenni Olson (partner of our member, Julie Dorf), the screening will be a benefit for the Mishkan Dolores campaign. We are very grateful to Jenni, as well as the Jewish Film Festival, for generously offering us this opportunity. We will be hosting a special reception with the filmmaker at 8 PM at CSZ before the show (see other side of this page).

Finally, don’t miss the Congregational Meeting on Sunday, June 15 - amongst many other exciting things, we will be reviewing the renovations budget, showing off the model and drawings, and giving an up-to-date report! See you there.

As always, if you have questions or concerns, or you’d like to help with anything from painting to moving to putting on the parties, call Tiela at (415) 431-4312.
We’d love to work with you!

Benefit Reception/Showing with the filmmaker for MISHKAN DOLORES

Trailers, Schmailers

World Premiere

From the Marx Brothers to Schindler's List and everything in between, *Trailers, Schmailers* offers a compact glimpse of the history of Jews in mainstream American cinema.

Original coming attraction trailers provide unique insight into the relationship between Hollywood studio's marketing departments and the growing visibility of Jews in American life.

Skillfully compiled by Jenni Olson, who has made a specialty of curating coming attractions, *Trailers, Schmailers* mixes humor and powerful drama with acute social commentary.

Meet the filmmaker,
hear about the film, schmooze and support
MISHKAN DOLORES, the capital campaign!

Havdallah and Reception:
Saturday, July 19, 1997, 8 p.m., CSZ, 220 Danvers St.

Film:
10 p.m., Castro Theater

\$20 per person for reception and film

Call the synagogue office at 415-861-6932 to order tickets!